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6. The proposed claims raise the issue of new matter. There is no support in the specification for the recitation of "collecting mononuclear cells from a patient infected with HIV" in proposed claim 37. The original claims disclose the claimed method wherein the claim recites "isolating CD4+ mononuclear cells", but not the claimed invention which recites "collecting mononuclear cells". Regarding applicants comments about the specification, page 28, said passage of the specification does not refer to the claimed method (eg. it refers to a method for production of regulatory cells, not the claimed method of producing virally purged CD4+ cells). Regarding Example 3 in the specification, said example refers to collection of mononuclear cells via leukopheresis. The proposed claim does not recite that the mononuclear cells were collected via leukopheresis.

The proposed claims would require a new rejection over 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph in that proposed claim 37 recites "in excess of  $1 \times 10^{10}$  cells per liter", while claim 160 recites "in a volume of 500 mls or less" and therefore claim 160 would lack antecedent basis in claim proposed claim 37.

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